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SUBJECT: CSU LAUNCHES BITTER ATTACK ON FRG OVER LOCKHEED

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1. IN PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED HERE AFTERNOON OF
SEPTEMBER 3, CSU SPOKESMAN KIEHL LAUNCHES ANGRY ATTACK ON FRG
IN CONNECTION LOCKHEED ISSUE. CLEARLY RESPONDING TO MIN
JUSTICE VOGEL'S RECENT STATEMENT (REFTEL), KIEHL REQUESTS
ON BEHALF OF CSU THAT FRG "MENTION NAMES" OR KEEP ITS MOUTH
SHUT ABOUT MATTER ONCE AND FOR ALL."

2. KIEHL INDICATES THAT FRG HAS INVESTIGATED LOCKHEED ALLEGATIONS
MUCH MORE THOROUGHLY THAN ITS PUBLIC STATEMENTS WOULD SUGGEST.
ABSENCE OF PUBLICITY ABOUT INVESTIGATIONS IS EXPLAINED BY FACT
FRG TURNED UP NOTHING DEROGATORY ABOUT STRAUSS OR CSU.

3. KIEHL DEMANDS THAT FRG PRESENT TO PQBLIC IMMEDIATELY
ALL ITS FINDINGS CONCERNING LOCKHEED ALLEGATIONS. FACT
THAT ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAVE LONG SINCE ARRANGED
FOR TRANSFER OF MATERIALS, AND IN SOME CASES EVEN COMPLETED
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THEIR INVESTIGATIONS, PROVESAN SAYS KIEHL, THAT FRG IS ENGAGED

IN "DISGRACEFUL AND SHAMELESS CAMPAIGN PROPAGANDA." "THEREFORE,"
SAYS KIEHL, "QUESTION PRESENTS ITSELF WHETHER FRG HAS REASON,
IN USING SUCH INFAMOUS METHODS AGAINST POLITICAL ENEMY, TO
COVER UP INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CONNECTION WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS."

4. STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH SUGGESTION THAT SUCH CAMPAIGN
METHODS WERE USED BY FORMER CHANCELLOR BRANDT IN 1972: "CSU
HAS NOTHING TO CONCEAL BUT OBVIOUSLY SPD AND FDP DO".

5. COMMENT: KIDNENT REPRESENTS CLEAR ESCALATION OF
CSU RHETORIC IN RENEWED POLEMICS OVER LOCKHEED ISSUE. CONGEN
IS PUZZLED BY TIMING OF STATEMENT. ONLY APPARENT REASON FOR
ITS RELEASE LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON IS HOPE ON PART OF CSU THAT
STATEMENT WILL BE PICKED UP IN WEEKEND PRESS AND THAT SPD AND
FDP WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO ISSUE COUNTER-STATEMENTS BEFORE
PUBLICATION DEADLINES.
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